

ENCROACHMENT PERMIT UTILITY MAINTENANCE PROVISIONS

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Any public utility or public corporation who lawfully maintains a utility encroachment, or their agent, may perform routine or emergency maintenance on such facility in accordance with the following provisions (unless updated at some future time, thence the future provisions shall govern.

UM1. EXCLUSIONS:

These provisions do not authorize tree trimming, work on freeways, expressways, or other activities not specifically provided for in this permit.

UM2. POSSESSION OF PERMIT REQUIRED:

The permit or a copy thereof shall be kept at the site of the work and must be shown to any Departmental representative or any law enforcement officer on demand. WORK SHALL BE SUSPENDED IF PERMIT IS NOT AT WORK SITE AS REQUIRED.

UM3. NOTICE REQUIRED:

The permittee shall notify the Department's representative and the Transportation Management Center (TMC) 7 days before initiating a lane closure. A confirmation notification should occur 3 days before closure. In emergency, situations that may impact traffic, TMC and the Department's representative shall be notified as soon as possible.

UM4. STANDARD OF WORK:

All work shall conform to recognized standards of utility construction and the Department's current Standard Specifications.

UM5. EMERGENCY REPAIRS:

The permittee may make emergency repairs, alter traffic flow, and excavate through improved surfaces only when breaks in the conduit, cable or pipeline over or under the pavement present a definite public hazard or serious interruption of essential service. In such cases, the Department's representative shall be notified immediately.

UM6. OPEN EXCAVATIONS:

No excavation shall be left open after daylight hours unless specifically authorized and adequate protection for traffic is provided in accordance with the General Provisions "Protection of Traffic."

Backfill and pavement replacement shall be performed in accordance with the applicable General Provisions (i.e., "Restoration and Repairs in Rights of Way").

UM7. SERVICE CONNECTION:

These provisions do not authorize installation of conduit, cable, gas, or water service connections within State rights of way, regardless of the location of the main, existing conduit, or cable. All new underground or pipe abandon services must be covered by individual permits. See Section "OH 4" regarding service connections for aerial wires.

UM8. ROUTINE INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE:

1. Routine Maintenance and Inspection:

Roadbed work shall be conducted between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., or as otherwise authorized, in writing, by the Department's representative.

2. Manholes:

The permittee may open existing manholes to repair underground cables. Where the manhole lies within the improved surface of the highway, the permittee will provide adequate protection for traffic in accordance with the General Provisions "Public Traffic Control".

3. Excavations:

Routine inspection and repair of pipeline and cables shall:

A. Not be made in improved surfaces, landscaped areas or closer than 10' (3.04 m) to the edge of the pavement without a special permit; and

B. Not uncover more than 50' (15.24 m) of line at any one time.

4. Pole Lines:

Permittee is authorized to:

A. Stub, or reset existing pole, provided no change in location of pole or anchor is made. Stubs and anchors must not be placed between existing pole and traveled way.

- B. Replace poles, guy poles, and crossarms in same location limited to two (2) consecutive poles. No additional poles or
- C. Replace broken pins and/or insulators, repair broken wires, pull slack wires, and replace or pull broken or slack guys.
- D. Repair and complete transfer work on existing aerial cables.
- E. Install new and replace existing transformers on existing poles.
- F.** Replace aerial wires and crossarms on existing poles except where wires cross the highway. Unless otherwise specifically required by the Department, protected cable, tree wire or plastic tree wire guard used for communication lines may be used through trees where necessary, provided the appearance of the tree or the tree itself will not be damaged.

guy poles are authorized under this routine maintenance provision.

This section (F) does not apply to scenic highways.

- G. Installations and clearances shall be equal to those required by either the California Public Utilities Commission Orders or the California Occupational Safety and Health (CAL-OSHA) Safety Orders, whichever is greater. ***Also see "OH 2" of the Overhead Utility Provisions.***
- H. Clear grass from around base of poles and excavate around poles for inspection, including tamping and straightening. The use of herbicides or other chemicals is not authorized by this permit. A separate encroachment permit must be applied for and issued for that purpose.